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## I. Details

### General Views of P'yongyang-si

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### Newly Constructed Streets

1. KPAF Street: This street or boulevard, which extends eastward from the P'yongyang Railroad Station towards the Taedong-gang (River), is approximately 50 meters wide, and has sidewalks outside of the boulevards. It is similar to the boulevard in front of the Central Government in Seoul.
2. Stalin Street: The road runs straight along the Taedong-gang, extending between the former street-car line and the Taedong-gang. It begins on the east end at KPAF Street and ends at YD 38452290 where the former P'yongwon-gyo (bridge) street-car station was located. The starting point of this street has a rotary established with a flower-bed. This street is constructed the same as KPAF Street, and has been paved with asphalt for the road and with cement bricks for pedestrians.
3. Mansion Street (Yunkwan-sŏn Kŏri): This street starts from a point approximately 150 meters east of the P'yongyang Railroad Station, and runs northward to Sŏ-P'yongyang Railroad Station. At the starting point, one can only see several hundreds meters down the street, because it passes through a hill. All along the street, there are numerous impressive two (2) or three (3)-story buildings on the both sides, which are used as residence. The general public therefore refers to it as the "High Story Residence Street."

### P'yongyang Railroad Station

4. Those who would see the P'yongyang Railroad Station for the first time would be astonished at the sight of this grand structure, which was completed in early 56 but not used until 26 Sep 56 [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] Up until that time, the old station building was used, which 25X1 had been constructed just after the Armistice. This is a half-single and half-double story structure built on the site of the original station building constructed during the Occupation. The new station building appears to be about twice as large as the Seoul Railroad Station building, measuring approximately 80 meters long and 30 meters wide, with three (3) stories, and located approximately 50 meters north of the old station building.
5. The Pon-P'yongyang Restaurant is located across the street from the old station building. It was constructed during the Occupation and was used as the office building of the Korean Forwarding Company. During the War it was slightly damaged.

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Rehabilitation Conditions

6. KPAF Street: On this street, there are four (4) many-story buildings - the National Hotel, the Internal Affairs Department (IAD) of the P'yongyang-si People's Committee, the Kimch'aek Engineering College, and the 4th Senior Middle School.

- 1) National Hotel: It is the largest building among those which can be seen from the P'yongyang Railroad Station. This hotel is located on the street approximately 300 meters from the railroad station. It is a brick structure, painted in white, and measuring approximately 50 meters in length and 20 meters in width.
- 2) IAD, of the P'yongyang-si PC: It is located on the opposite side of the street from the National Hotel. Between this building and the railroad station, there are no large buildings, but many shabby houses temporarily constructed following the Armistice. The office building of the IAD is a two (2)-story structure.
- 3) Kimch'aek Engineering College: The college is located on the south side of KPAF Street, 400 meters east of the P'yongyang Railroad Station. The college consists of three (3) five (5)-story buildings, two (2) of which face on the street, and the third is in the rear of the two (2) buildings. [redacted] this college is to have four (4) school buildings all together. (NOTE: [redacted] there was a four (4)-story building which was under construction. It was a brick structure, approximately 80 meters long, located 100 meters east of the Kimch'aek Engineering College, on the northern side of KPAF Street.) 25X1 25X1 25X1
- 4) 4th Senior Middle School: The school building is located approximately 50 meters in from KPAF Street, and is a four (4)-story structure, with brick walls painted in pink. It is approximately 40 meters long and 30 meters wide. Across from this school building, there was a four (4)-story structure, which was under construction [redacted] 25X1

7. Stalin Street:

- 1) From YD 382209 to YD 382211: Between these two (2) points, there were no large buildings on the eastern side of the street, but there were many large buildings along the western side of the street. The 2nd National Department Store was located there, which had been constructed during the Occupation as the Minakai Department Store. Next to the 2nd National Department Store, there was a three (3)-story building which was then under construction. The length of this building was estimated as 80 meters. Facing this building (on the eastern side of the street), a building, with three (3) stories, and approximately 30 meters long, then was under construction. The National Theatre is

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located at the southwestern corner of the crossroads which lead towards the Taedong-gang Bridge and the Stalin Street. This theatre building, during Occupation was named the "Kairaku Theatre", has been reconstructed since the Armistice. This is a three (3)-story structure, reportedly able to accommodate about 800 persons, with audience-seats in two (2) parts: a balcony and main floor.

- 2) From YD 382211 to YD 382217: Between these two (2) points, there were numerous buildings along the eastern side of the street, most of which then were under construction.
  - a) The International Hotel, newly constructed, and on the eastern side of the street, is situated 60 meters north of the crossroads mentioned above. This is a five (5)-story structure, with white walls, measuring approximately 50 meters long and 30 meters wide. About 30 meters north of this hotel, there was a four (4)-story building, under construction. This building appeared to be longer than the International Hotel.
  - b) From the end of this building to the Central Bank, there were no large buildings, but many small houses.
- 3) Central Bank: It is a four (4)-story structure, located approximately 30 meters south of the Ministry of National Defense, constructed during the Occupation and used as the Industrial Bank. This building is on the west side of the street. There are no large buildings on the eastern side of the street from the bank to the river side of the Taedong-gang, but numerous small public houses.
- 4) Ministry of National Defense: It is a five (5)-story structure, with granite walls for the first two floors and brick walls for the third and fourth floors, measuring approximately 100 meters square. All the walls are painted in white. This building occupies the general area from Stalin Street to the former street-car line.
- 5) KIM Il-sŏng Square: This square, which occupies the general area from the MOND and the Combined Government Offices, with approximately 200 meters square. A platform to seat a board of presidors was located at the construction project for the combined government offices in this area would be carried out according to the first five (5)-year plan.
- 6) Combined Government Offices: It is a four (4)-story structure, with brick walls, and measuring approximately 60 meters square. (NOTE: The 1st National Department Store which was the building used as the Hwasin Department Store during Occupation is about 30 meters from the Combined Government Offices.)
- 7) Laborers' Apartment House: It is located approximately 100 meters

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east of the 1st Department Store, built in a "L" shape, with a five (5) stories in brick. Its dimensions are approximately 30 meters long (both east and south) and 15 meters wide.

- 8) Apartment Houses: [ ] there were two (2) five 25X1  
(5)-story buildings under construction, located between the Combined Government Offices (YD 382219) and the Taedong-mun Motion Picture House (YD 382211). It was rumored that these buildings were used as apartment houses when completed.
- 9) Taedong-mun Motion Picture House: It is located just next to the apartment houses mentioned in the above. From the exterior the houses appears to be a three (3)-story structure, but inside the entire building was designed as an auditorium. It measures approximately 40 meters long in front and 80 meters wide. This building contained two (2) motion picture screens and various entertainment rooms.
- 10) Soldiers' Apartment Houses: There are two (2) buildings, located at YD 3842290 (former Ch'angjon-ni), in "L" shape, standing side by side, to be used to billet military personnel.